

Southern Energy Co-operative Ltd

Minutes

of

Southern Energy Co-operative Ltd board meeting, 22 August 1998, 71 Franciscan Avenue,
Frankston

Present: A.R. Gourley, Richard Greaves and David Griffiths

Moora Moora

The Secretary provided directors with copies of an article about Moora Moora A Solar powered community from ReNew (October-December 1996).

Members

The Secretary reported that two members had requested that they no longer receive SEC News - Ruth Henderson and John Lloyd. He reported that John Lloyd had forwarded a cheque for \$10 to cover postage costs.

He reported that he had written to Henderson and Lloyd on 16 August 1998 explaining that while they continued to be members the co-operative was required to mail copies of the annual audit to members. The members were asked that if they were no longer interested in the co-operative, then, a formal resignation was necessary. Copies of these letters were provided to directors.

ORG Information Seminar

The Secretary reported that ORG was organising an Information Seminar on Wednesday 16 September regarding the 2001 electricity distribution price review. He reported that he had reserved two places for Southern Energy Co-operative Ltd.

Both Bob Gourley and Richard Greaves said that they would attend.

The Secretary said that he would request Ms Julie Schmidt, of ORG, to forward copies of Consultation Paper No 1.

Copies of information about the seminar were provided to directors.

The Secretary reported that Co-operative Energy Ltd had already written twice to ORG commenting on the distribution pricing review.

- ✓ A letter of 13 July 1998 re consumer involvement in the consultation process.
- ✓ A letter of 27 July 1998 re establishing what are reasonable policy standards and practices given the report of the Ministerial Inquiry into the Auckland Power Supply Failure.

"Big dogs eat first"

The Secretary provided directors with copies of a 17 August 1998 letter from Co-operative Energy Ltd to the Treasurer, the Hon. Alan Stockdale, MLA, regarding the need to review the contestability timetable and enable all consumers a choice of supplier before 2001. He said that the letter had also been forwarded on behalf of Southern Energy Co-operative Ltd.

Agribusiness Directors Seminar

The Secretary reported that as Chairman of the Co-operative Federation of Victoria Ltd he was now attending the Agribusiness Directors Seminar at Mt Eliza on 22-23 August 1998. He provided directors with a copy of a paper given that afternoon to the seminar: Doug Robertson The legal duties of Australian agribusiness co-operative directors in the current corporate governance environment.

CFV AGM

The Secretary confirmed that the Federation's AGM would be at 5.30 pm 15 October 1998 at the RACV Club. This would be followed by a dinner. He encouraged directors to attend the AGM and dinner. He said that the guest speaker at the dinner would be ACCC Commissioner Ms Rhonda Smith.

He also reported that the board of the Federation would be recommending to the Federation AGM that the minimum fee for membership be increased from \$50 to \$100. This would mean that for Southern Energy Co-operative Ltd to retain its membership it would have to pay \$100 - a 100% increase on this year's membership fees.

There was discussion on what services were being provided to member co-operatives by the Federation and whether or not this should be reviewed.

The directors considered what services were provided by the Federation and which had been used by the co-operative:

Co-operative Federation of Victoria Ltd		
Services	Used	Not Used
Legislation Check List	X	
Legislation Information Sheets		X
Legislation Advice		X
Legislation seminars	X	
Drafting of new rules		X
Cooperative booklets	X	
Victorian Co-operative News	X	
Insurance		X
Seminars		X
Free rules		X
Telephone advice other		X
Discounted books		X

It was agreed that at the AGM the co-operative would oppose increasing the minimum subscription level from \$50 to \$100.

That the proposed minimum subscription for membership of the Co-operative Federation of Victoria Ltd remain at \$50.

Moved: R. Greaves

Seconded: Bob Gourley

CARRIED

David Griffiths abstained from voting.

LETS Conference

The Secretary reported that the Victorian LETS conference was being hosted by Frankston City LETS and Longbeach LETS this year on 10-11 October 1998. He said there had been agreement for the Federation to have an information stall at the conference. He said that Southern Energy Co-operative Ltd would be responsible for the stall.

Bob Gourley said that he would be available and Richard Greaves said that he could be available to operate the stall.

Distribution Code Review

The Secretary said that he would circulate an initial response to the Distribution Code Review.

General Meeting

It was noted that today's general meeting had been adjourned until 5.00pm, 29 August 1998.

AR Gourley 29/8/98.